



Community *notes*

13th Annual Jazz @the Lake Concert

Support Wilde Lake High School's students by attending the Jazz @the Lake Concert on Saturday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. at The Jim Rouse Theater. Featuring Victor Provost on steel pan, along with Alex Brown on piano, Zach Brown on bass, and Eric Doob on drums, this event benefits the WLHS band program



and continues the school's long standing tradition of bringing great professional live jazz to our community. As always, the WLHS Jazz Ensemble will open the show and perform one joint number with the guest artists; this year, the WLHS Steel Drum

Ensemble will also perform, entertaining guests through intermission. For tickets and more, visit their [webpage](#).

Black History Expo

Come to Long Reach High School on Saturday, February 17, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to learn more about 'African-Americans in Times of War.' This free event will include panel discussions featuring community leaders and veterans, exhibits, performances by elementary, middle, and high school students, and will have a Black History Jeopardy competition.

This expo provides educational experiences that foster increased awareness, expanded knowledge and appreciation of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to our history, society and culture. For more information, visit HCPSS's [website](#).

Greetings

This week I have highlighted several informational, healthy, and fun events in our community. I hope you find something of interest.

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Maryland Science Center First Friday

Spend your Friday night experimenting at the Maryland Science Center and receive discounted admission from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Admission for First Friday is just \$10 and includes access to the permanent exhibit halls, Planetarium, and IMAX theater. The IMAX presentation is at 7:00 p.m. and the Planetarium presentations are at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Celebrate the wonders science has to offer!

It's Retro...

2018 HC Library Evening in the Stacks

Join the Friends & Foundation of the Howard County Library System on Saturday, February 24 for the annual fête featuring some of our favorite collective memories from the 1950's to the 1980's.



Expect great music, food and drink along with fun activities for all the guests. The celebrated author of the evening is Richard F. Thomas whose book, *Why*

Bob Dylan Matters, makes a case for Bob Dylan being recognized as a classical poet.

Tickets are \$150 per guest. Click [here](#) for all the details.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Discovery Day

Saturday, February 3, 11:30 a.m.

Robinson Nature Center

First Saturdays mark a special day at [Robinson Nature Center](#); it's Discovery day! Participants will have the chance to discover more information about this month's theme: trees!

40th Annual Irish Evening

Friday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.

Smith Theater, Howard Community College

This evening will feature a reading by award-winning author Mike McCormack, new and traditional Irish music performed by Narrowbacks, and step dancing. This is a night you won't want to miss; purchase your tickets ahead of time [online](#).

Now You See It; Now You Don't

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Historic Oakland

Celebrate Valentine's day by attending an evening of high fashion and suspenseful mystery. It is up to you to solve the mystery of the missing diamond. For more information, visit the [event listing](#).

Recreation & Parks Advisory Board Student Position

Deadline: Friday, February 16

Applications are now being accepted for the student position on the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board. The Board provides recommendations relating to plans, policies and programs for public recreation, and reviews plans for and holds hearings on the acquisition and development of land for public recreation and open space. Click [here](#) for more information.

HC DrugFree Film Contest

Deadline: Friday, February 23

HC DrugFree is looking for Howard County teenagers who are interested in creating a 30 - 90 second film on the negative affects of substance abuse. Submitted content must be family appropriate and an original concept or idea. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23. The top films will be shown at the HoCo Film Festival on Friday, March 9 at the Miller Library. For more information, visit HC DrugFree's [website](#) and be sure to look at past top films for inspiration.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Deadline: Friday, February 23

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 "Volunteer of the Year" award which recognizes people, agencies, and groups that demonstrated commitment and dedication to making our community a better place. Visit the County's [website](#) for more information and to fill out an endorsement form.

2018 Hope Bowl

Grab four of your most competitive friends, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and register for this year's Hope Bowl! The Hope Bowl is one of HopeWorks of Howard County's main fundraising events, where teams of bowlers compete while raising awareness and critical funds for victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Their goal this year is to raise \$20,000; help them reach their goal. All of the proceeds from the event benefit HopeWorks' programs and services. Visit Hope Bowl's [website](#) to register and start fundraising. Not a fan of bowling but want to contribute? You can do that [here](#). Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Recycling and Waste Management News

Feed the Green Bin: Residents of the Feed the Green Bin program, our county's composting program, can now add meats, fats and dairy to their collection carts.

Do you have your green bin yet? Become part of the movement! Interested households in areas that receive County yard trim collection can participate in this free program. For more information, visit the Feed the Green Bin [webpage](#).

Recycling Bin Repairs and Replacements: Do you have a broken container? The County can easily fix broken cart wheels and lids for free. If you want a different-sized container or need a repair, contact the recycling division at 410-313-6444.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off: Household Hazardous Waste includes many products that are corrosive, flammable, reactive or toxic that can be found in most garages, homes, and workshops. Some examples would be paint, pesticides, aerosol cans, and car fluids. For a more information on HHWs and how to reduce your usage, visit the EPA's [website](#).

HHW is usually collected at the Alpha Ridge Landfill on Saturdays between April through November, however, there will be two special drop off days on Saturday, February 3 and Saturday, March 3. For more information, visit the county's [page](#).



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